



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant

: Lutz Biedermann, et al.

Confirmation No. 7913

Application No. : 10/799,143

Filed

: March 11, 2004

Title

: ANCHORING ELEMENT FOR USE IN SPINE OR BONE SURGERY,

METHODS FOR USE AND PRODUCTION THEREOF

Grp./Div.

: 3733

Examiner

: John Kim

Docket No.

: 56717/B884

Commissioner for Patents

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July 24, 2006

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated February 23, 2006 for two month(s) from May 23, 2006 to July 23, 2006 (Sunday).

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

| CALCULATION OF FEE | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| LENGTH OF EXTENSION | SMALL ENTITY | LARGE ENTITY | FEE |
| WITHIN FIRST MONTH | \$ 60 | \$ 120 | \$ |
| WITHIN SECOND MONTH | \$ 225 | \$ 450 | \$450 |
| WITHIN THIRD MONTH | \$ 510 | \$ 1020 | \$ |
| WITHIN FOURTH MONTH | \$ 795 | \$1590 | \$ |
| WITHIN FIFTH MONTH | \$1080 | \$2160 | \$ |

Submitted herewith is a check for \$450 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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